# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : CR. NO. 1:24-CR- 060 95

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v. : (JUDGE CONNER )

:

EDWARD CLOUSER, :

Defendant

INDICTMENT

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THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

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COUNT 1

18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(2) (Distribution of Child Pornography)

On or about November 28, 2022, in the Middle District of Pennsylvania, and elsewhere, the defendant,

## EDWARD CLOUSER,

did, using a means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce, willfully and knowingly distribute and attempt to distribute any child pornography, as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 2256(8), that had been mailed and shipped and transported in interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2252A(a)(2) and 2252A(b)(1).

#### THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

### COUNT 2

18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(5)(B) (Possession of Child Pornography)

On or about February 7, 2023, in Cumberland County, in the Middle District of Pennsylvania, the defendant,

## EDWARD CLOUSER,

knowingly possessed material, namely, a Samsung Galaxy A.03s cellular telephone (Model SM-S134DL) and an AT&T Axia cellular telephone (Model QS5509A), which contained images of child pornography as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 2256(8)(A), including images involving a prepubescent minor and a minor who had not attained 12 years of age, such images having been produced using materials that had been shipped and transported in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2252A(a)(5)(B) and 2252A(b)(2).

#### FORFEITURE ALLEGATION

The allegations contained in Counts 1 and 2 of this Indictment are hereby realleged and incorporated by reference for the purpose of alleging forfeiture pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 2253.

The Grand Jury further finds probable cause that:

Pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 2253, upon conviction of an offense in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A, the defendant, **EDWARD** CLOUSER, shall forfeit to the United States:

- a. Any visual depiction described in Title 18, United
  States Code, sections 2251, 2251A, or 2252, or any
  book, magazine, periodical, film, videotape, or other
  matter which contains any such visual depiction, which
  was produced, transported, mailed, shipped or received
  in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Chapter
  110;
- b. Any property, real or personal, constituting or

- traceable to gross profits or other proceeds obtained from the offenses; and
- c. Any property, real or personal, used or intended to be used to commit or to promote the commission of the offenses.
- 3. If any of the property described above, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant:
  - a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
  - b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
  - c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court;
  - d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
  - e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without difficulty,

the United States of America shall be entitled to forfeiture of substitute property pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p).

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All pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 2253(b).

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